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GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES CONTINUE IN SOUTH AND CENTRAL CHINA; PLA REPORTS FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

BANDITS DERAIL CANTON--SHAO-KUAN TRAIN -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 18 Apr 50

On 16 April 1950, at 1450, bandits caused the derailment of Train No 731 traveling toward Canton from Shao-kuan. Between Ta-k'eng-k'ou and Wu-shihmen, the locomotive and five freight cars were overturned, causing casualties.

A crew was immediately dispatched from Shao-kuan to repair the damages. When this group reached Wu-shih, bandits concealed near the tracks fired at the crew who immediately returned the fire. The bandits fled and the crew proceeded to their destination. Investigation disclosed that the damage to the tracks could only have been made maliciously.

The repairs were completed by 1600, 17 April 1950 and through service between Nan-chang and Canton was resumed by 2100, 17 April 1950.

PLA CLAIMS ANNIHILATION OF BANDITS -- Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 1 Apr 50

Hankow, 31 March (Hsin-hua) -- The PIA Headquarters of the Central and South China Military District disclosed that during February 1950, it captured or killed 22,445 bandits. More than 15,000 troops of the bandit leaders, Liu Chia-shu (Ueda: 840, 1468, 5323) and Mo Shu-chieh (9886, 5323, 450) surrendered. Of this number, it stated that 4,839 joined forces with the Liberation Army voluntarily.

KMT AGENTS ARRESTED IN TIENTSIN -- Tientsin Chin-pu Jih-pao, 1 Apr 50

The Tientsin Public Security Bureau has cracked a 10-million-yuan extortion racket operated by KMT special agents and has captured Wang Chieh-san (Ueda: 7262, 176, 7) and Ho Chen (13041, 13036), leaders of this group. These two agents had formed a "protective" racket by enlisting the aid of other remnant

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KMT special agents. After the liberation of the city, they established a transmitting station to convey information to the bandit KMT leaders in Taiwan. The funds for their activities were raised by the agents through extortion of businessmen in this city.

Biographical data on these two criminals follows:

Wang Chieh-san, age 33, native of T'ung-hsien, Hopeh Province, a member of the Teng Wen-i (Ueda: 12223, 4321, 9177) clique, collaborated with Japan during the last war. After Japan surrendered, he was trained by KMT bandits at the Shantung and Central cadre training centers for subversive activities and was later placed in charge of one of the KMT political activities offices in Tientsin. After the liberation of the city, he disguised himself as a businessman to carry out subversive activities.

Ho Chen, age 29, native of Tientsin, is a loyal follower of bandit Chiang Kai-shek. He was thoroughly trained in special agent activities at Chungking.

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